Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I think it was forwarded like that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I pause for an answer to my question.

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You want me to refer this question to the Minister. I can refer it to the Minister.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If you pass a resolution like that I may not be able to carry it out. I have to look into the condition of the whole State. But I will certainly take this question into consideration without committing myself.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Hon'ble Minister will make an enquiry about it and if it is suitable he can do something.

POWER OF APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN POSTS IN MUNICIPALITIES—DELEGATION TO CHAIRMEN

145. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have passed any orders recently giving the power of appointment to certain posts in Municipalities, to the respective Chairmen of those bodies, thus taking away those appointments from the purview of the Staff Selection Board;

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, for what reasons was that innovation effected; a copy of the Government order may be printed and placed on the Table of the House?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.

(b) Government thought that the appointment to all posts carrying a pay not exceeding Rs. 15 may be left to the Municipal Chairmen. A copy of the Government order is appended. *(Appendix II)*

TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPALITY—CHAIRMAN—NOMINATION OF

146. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Tattamangalam Municipality bifurcated from the Chittur Tattamangalam Municipality;

(*b*) whether any election was conducted to constitute the first Tattamangalam Council (after bifurcation);

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(*c*) whether election was conducted in Chittur to fill in the first Chittur Council (after bifurcation);

(*d*) if answer to (*b*) is in the negative, and answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for difference in treatment in these cases;

(*e*) whether the present Municipal Council at Tattamangalam is an elective body; if so, the number of elected members; if nominations were made, the number of nominated members;

(*f*) who is the present Chairman; has he been elected as Chairman or nominated as such;

(*g*) if nominated, under what provision of law was he nominated;

(*h*) when did the Government determine to nominate the Chairman as required by Government Notification, No. 31, dated 22nd September 1938, published in Cochin Government Gazette, Part I, page 40, dated 8th Kanni, 1114;

(*i*) when did the last election to the Tattamangalam Municipality take place;

(*j*) on what grounds did the Government determine to nominate the Chairman, instead of giving to the members option to elect one;

(*k*) when was Tattamangalam first included within the Chittur-Tattamangalam Town Council;

(*l*) when was that Town Council raised to the status of a Municipality;

(*m*) as citizens of the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality, were the public of Tattamangalam enjoying the privilege of electing their Municipal Councillors and through them, their Chairman;

(*n*) if so, for how many years?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Tattamangalam was excluded from the original Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality and constituted into a minor Municipality early in 1114.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) It was thought that in the initial stage a Council comprising of members nominated by Government would work better.

(*e*) It consists of 5 members elected by the voters and 2 members nominated by Government.

(*f*) Mr. Parakkat Aravindaksha Menon; nominated as Chairman by Government.

(*g*) Under sub-section (1) of Section 11 of the Cochin Municipal Act, XVIII of 1113, as modified and made applicable to the Tattamangalam Minor Municipalty.

(*h*) On 10th November 1941 Government determined to nominate the Chairman not as required by their notification referred to in the question but under section 11 (1) of the Municipal Act as modified and made applicable to Tattamangalam.

(*i*) 29th Kanni 1117/15th October 1941.

(*j*) The Tattamangalam Minor Municipality is in an experimental stage for a period of 5 years from 1114 and during this period Government thought that a nominated Chairman would be desirable.

(*k*) Towards the end of 1088.

(*l*) From 1—1—1096.

(*m*) Yes.

(*n*) From 1—11—1096 to 1—1—1114 except for a period of about 3 years from 1—4—1106.

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POPULATION OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES—IRINJALAKKUDA MUNICIPALITY

147. Mr. K. R. Viswambharam *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to give (1) the approximate population of the people of different communities living within the municipal area of Irinjalakkuda; (2) the communities to which the present members of the Council belong?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(1)	Ezhuvas	3,029
	Nayars	2,131
	Tamil Brahmins	795
	Viswakarmalas	672
	Depressed Classes	1,074
	Other Hindus	1,908